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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

AND

SCHOOL BOARD,

OF THE

Town of Northfield, N. H.,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1890.

FRANKLIN FALLS, N. H:
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

ACCOUNT OF MONEY FURNISHED THE TREASURER.

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer as follows:

Balance March 1, 1889,	$1276 51
Received of State Treasurer, railroad tax,	294 66
" " savings bank tax,	1076 20
" " literary fund,	76 44
County of Merrimack,	554 22
Rent of town house,	87 50
Morrill Moore, collector of 1886,	28 89
" " 1887,	18 84
C. A. Gile, " 1888,	204 98
G. S. Abbott, " 1889,	5087 08
J. B. Yeaton, note and interest,	24 78
Ed Caskin, highway tax,	7 68
Granite Mills Co. "	67 20
G. S. Abbott, " of 1888,	19 35
Accrued interest in savings bank,	11 69
	$8836 02

ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE SELECTMEN ON THE TREASURER TO PAY BILLS AND CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

Paid—

State tax,	$1265 00
County tax,	975 78
Coupons outstanding,	93 00
Coupons, May and November,	273 00
	$2606 78

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid—

James N. Forrest, town district,	$621 02
Ford T. Sanborn, union district,	382 92
	$1003 94

SCHOOL HOUSE APPROPRIATION.

Paid—

James N. Forrest,	$671 92
Byron Shaw,	8 08
	$680 00

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid—

City of Concord, board of J. C. Abbott,	$34 50
C. W. Manuel, " Wm. T. Bartlett,	41 35
Ismena E. Cram, " Nellie Sewell,	53 72
C. R. Gould, attendance, "	6 00
O'Shea Bros., goods for "	2 05
C. R. Gould, attendance, Frank Collins,	8 52
	$146 14

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid—

Mary E. Collins, board of John Collins,	$15 75
John S. Dearborn, "	16 00
	$31 75

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid—

C. R. Gould, attendance,	Fanny Dinsmore,	$16 25
"	Mary Mitchel,	20 00
"	Josiah Hurbert,	48 00
"	Stephen Shirley,	12 00
"	Benj. Morrill,	27 00
"	Perly Keniston,	17 00
Edward Abbott, attendance,	Mary Mitchell,	22 00
"	R G. Brown,	4 25
Philbrick & Hill, aid,	Fanny Dinsmore,	75 21
"	Stephen Shirley,	29 25
"	J. B. Glover,	78 00
"	R. G. Brown,	9 00
"	Alex Gomo,	5 00
C. P. Herrick, medicine,	Josiah Hurbert,	5 70
"	Stephen Shirley,	65
"	Mary Mitchell,	12 50
"	Fanny Dinsmore,	6 65
C. C. Paige, coffin for Keniston child,		10 00
"	Fanny Dinsmore,	10 00
G. S. Bartlett, medicine for Mary Mitchell,		15 48
O. G. Morrison, cash paid for opening grave for Shirley,		1 50
Hill & Fletcher, groceries, Josiah Hurbert,		21 00
J. S. Winslow, opening grave for Fanny Dinsmore,		2 00
Marston Sanborn, goods for Nellie Sewell,		6 50
Ismena E. Cram, board of Nellie Sewell, from Aug. 14 to Oct. 3,		14 28
Mrs. L. M. French, sewing for Nellie Sewell,		2 00
W. A. Gardner, groceries for F. B. Jenness,		28 00
C. R. Gould, medical attendance, Herbert Dow,		20 00
Deposited in Citizens bank, to the order of C. C. Paige, for coffin for Shirley,		17 00

Deposited in Citizens bank, to the order of Clorinda Raith,	$5 00
John Chamberlain, preaching, F. Dinsmore,	3 00
J. J. Dearborn, aid, Mrs. Hassel,	6 50
Wm. M. C. Duff, milk for Mary Mitchell,	1 56
	$552 28

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Paid—

Oscar S. Reed, painting,	$85 00
Ed Caskin, cleaning stove pipe,	1 00
Frank A. Gilman, repairs,	7 65
John F. Eastman, "	2 00
Walter C. Wyatt, "	5 00
Mrs. M. Chamberlain, cleaning town hall,	5 00
Philbrick & Hill, lock, keys and hinges,	2 40
	$108 05

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid—

Otis C. Wyatt, services as auditor,	$4 00
James N. Forrest, "	4 00
Gawn E. Gorrell, "	4 00
Otis C. Wyatt, services as supervisor, and checklists,	7 75
E. C. Eastman, blank books and blanks,	3 40
C. P. Allison, printing town reports,	35 00
D. K. Bean, police,	2 00
Allison & Morse, posters,	1 00
Frank J. French, services as supervisor,	5 00
Allison & Morse, printing orders,	2 00
Frank W. Shaw, services and expenses as supervisor,	5 25

C. P. Herrick, record book for mortgages,	$7 50
Daniel Barnard, court fee and advice, 1888,	22 00
" " 1889,	25 00
Nellie French, services on school board,	35 00
James N. Forrest, "	30 00
O. C. Wyatt, "	20 00
C. W. Whitcher, services as selectman,	100 00
O. G. Morrison, "	65 00
L. M. French, " and expense,	95 10
R. J. Stevens, services as town clerk,	35 00
A. C. Lord, " treasurer,	30 00
L. M. French, services and expenses as Board of Health,	10 00
L. M. French, stationery, postage etc.,	4 42
	$552 42

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS, 1888.

Paid—

J. S. Kimball,	$28 80
Horace Hancock,	2 42
Francis Stevens	14 65
B. F. Dearborn,	2 42
J. A. Cofran,	4 84
1889.	
Charles Cross,	32 22
Francis Stevens,	3 58
J. A. Cofran,	10 96
Byron Shaw,	1 79
L. M. French,	3 56
Morrill Moore,	7 16
Wm. H. Clough,	10 74
Sally Grover,	1 79
	$124 93

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid—

M. C. Abbott, breaking roads in 1888,	$7 80
Almon Slader, "	3 00
J. E. Smith, ox labor on turnpike,	5 25
Silvanus Whitcher, labor,	1 90
W. H. Smith, running road machine,	400 00
Richard Dearborn, labor,	11 75
W. C. French, labor, 1888,	7 50
Charles G. Smith, labor on turnpike, 1888,	5 25
Francis Wyatt, award, "	1 00
W. C. Wyatt, " "	1 00
Jason Foss, covering stone,	8 40
Geo. C. Hurlburt, "	2 00
H. T. Osgood, labor,	1 50
C. W. Whitcher, "	13 00
W. H. Smith, " Howard street,	25 12
W. H. Smith, "	29 84
Wm. J. McDuff, labor,	5 40
Fred Cross, "	6 50
Benton Leavitt, "	2 25
E. W. Leavitt, "	2 17
Frank T. Fellows, "	99
George C. Hurburt, " 1888,	3 00
George Beane, "	75
A. B. Winslow, "	6 22
John S. Winslow, "	1 50
Francisco Benitey, "	3 81
Frank J. French, "	2 50
James T. Downing, "	2 00
C. H. Ayers, "	3 00
	$564 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid—

A. T. Cass, balance library appropriation,	$150 00
D. K. Bean, kit policeman tools,	5 00
John Haslum, decoration appropriation,	25 00
T. J. Davis, surveying,	1 00
F. J. Eastman, cash paid for advertising,	2 75
A. T. Cass, insuring chapel,	30 00
J. Hadlock, road machine edges,	8 25
M. C. Abbott, repairs on road machine,	9 25
John Haslon, policeman's kit,	5 00
M. J. Keasor, piping water trough,	3 00
A. S. Ballantyne, library appropriation,	100 00
Oscar Gates, water tub,	3 00
Wm. H. Plummer, "	3 00
E. R. Glines, "	3 00
W. C. French, "	3 00
Bartlett, Gay & Young, surveying plans and estimate for sewer,	4 70
E. A. Perkins, insuring town house;	25 50
M. C. Abbott, repairs on road machine,	2 50
F. J. Eastman, drain pipe,	43 56
Edward Abbott, returning births,	75
A. A. Keniston, feeding and lodging three tramps,	1 50
A. C. Lord, blank book,	60
Lorenzo D. Miller, sawing wood,	75
A. C. Lord, non-resident highway tax receipt,	1 02
	$512 13

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH G. S. ABBOTT, COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

Amount of tax committee,	5422 11
Paid Treasurer,	$5087 08
Non-resident highway receipts,	21 06
Abatements and errors,	41 95
Fees for collecting,	70 26
Mary E. and C. T. French's note,	10 54
Uncollected,	191 22
	$5422 11

Respectfully Submitted,

L. M. FRENCH,
O. G. MORRISON,
C. W. WHICHER,
} Selectmen of Northfield.

Treasurer's Report.

Total receipts from all sources:

March 20.

Received of L. M. French, selectman,		$630 33
" Iona Savings bank book,		500 00
Clyde A. Gile, collector,	1888,	204 98
Morrill Moore, "	1886,	28 89
" "	1887,	18 84
J. B. Yeaton, for note and interest,		24 78
Iona Savings bank, dividend,		11 69
Selectmen,		649 40
State treasurer, railroad tax,		294 66
" savings bank tax,		1076 20
" literary fund,		76 44
G. S. Abbott, collector,		5087 08
" collector, highway tax,		19 35
Granite Mills,		67 20
		$8689 84

Paid orders and coupons turned in by former treasurer, F. J. Eastman.

Town orders,	$59 18
Coupons,	87 00
	$8836 02

Paid coupons due Nov. 1,1888,	$6 00
" May 1, 1889,	135 00
" Nov. 1, 1889,	138 00
State tax,	1265 00
County tax,	975 78
Selectmen's orders,	4216 86
Jona Savings bank book,	511 69
Cash on hand,	1441 51
	$8689 84
Orders and coupons paid by former treasurer F. J. Eastman,	
Town orders,	$59 18
Coupons,	87 00
	$8836 02

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. LORD, Town Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the subscribers having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1890, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town.

The selectmen charge the treasurer with having received,	$8836 02
Coupons, May and November,	$273 00
Coupons, outstanding,	93 00
State tax,	1265 00
School money,	1003 94
School house appropriation,	680 00
Town paupers,	146 14
Dependent soldiers,	31 75
County paupers,	552 28
Damage to sheep by dogs, 1888-9,	124 93
Current expenses,	552 42
Repairs on town house,	108 05
Roads and bridges,	564 40
Miscellaneous,	512 13
County tax,	975 78
Showing a balance in hands of treasurer,	$1953 20

The liabilities of the town are as follows:

Town bonds,	$5100 00
Interest on same from November to date,	102 00
Coupons outstanding,	51 00
	$5253 00
Liabilities,	$5253 00
Available means,	2170 24
Present indebtedness,	$3082 76
Indebtedness, March 1, 1889,	$3952 49
Present indebtedness,	3082 56
Reduction of debt,	$869 73

Respectfully Submitted,

GAWN E. GARRELL,
F. J. EASTMAN,
OTIS C. WYATT,
} Board of Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD:

In reviewing the school year that has just closed, the result, though not perfectly satisfactory, is as good as could reasonably be expected under existing circumstances.

It has been our earnest endeavor to discharge our duties in a faithful and impartial manner. How well we have succeeded in our efforts must be determined by a criticising public. It has been our aim to obtain the best teachers we could with the limited funds at our command. Owing to this we have been obliged to employ several teachers of but little or no experience, some of whom did excellent work, while others failed to give entire satisfaction. First-class teachers command better wages than we can pay them, and will go where they can obtain higher salaries, and longer and larger schools. The best teachers are none to good to instruct the youth of Northfield. We want progressive teachers who study the best educational literature of the day to obtain the best methods to aid them in their work.

There is too much of the old question and answer method in our schools, and too much monotony in recitation. There should be more oral instruction and more general exercises of a practical nature. Nevertheless, our teachers the past year have most of them done good, faithful work in the schoolroom, and all have tried to the best of ability possessed to make their schools a success.

The improvement in attendance has been very marked, but we would like to see an additional improvement in this and in

discipline in nearly all our schools. Many of the difficulties our teachers have to contend with would be removed if the parents would give the teacher their support; see that their children were punctual, and visit the schoolroom often and know how those they send there spend their time.

At the beginning of the school year the Board personally offered three prizes to be competed for by the pupils in the different schools. The contest took place at the close of the second term, and in connection with the change to Franklin's readers made in the spring, resulted in an increased interest and great improvement in reading in all the schools.

We need more money for school purposes; our forefathers through all the trials and hardships of pioneer life, were not unmindful of the power of knowledge or the value of an education, but maintained schools and defended them against the cunning and treacherous warfare of the savages. Has the necessity and worth of knowledge decreased since those early days? Most assuredly not. The demand for a good practical education is greater than ever before, and it is to the common schools that we look for such an education, rather than to the higher institutions. If the demand to maintain the same number of schools continues—three have been maintained the past year with less than six pupils—with the same amount of money, how are we to lengthen and better our schools? It cannot be done. Last year we had the shortest schools of any town in Merrimack county. As a town we are not far behind the times in social, political and business enterprizes, but if there is not more interest manifested in providing better means for educating the rising generation, we shall soon find ourselves behind our sister towns. Citizens of Northfield, we ask you to consider this matter carefully, and at the next annual meeting to make an additional appropriation to that required by law. We believe that such an act would be a better investment than savings banks and would redound to the credit of the town.

The past year we have erected a new and commodious school house at the Centre on the lot presented by Hon. C. E. Tilton for that purpose. The appropriation was not sufficient to erect any out buildings. These should be built before the coming term.

We cannot say too much in favor of the new "Free text book law." The lack of suitable books and uniformity of them has done much in past years to discourage both teachers and pupils, and prevent them from doing the greatest good and obtaining the best results in school work.

CENTER.

One term, 15 weeks, taught by Miss Abbie M. Bullock, who seemed anxious to advance her pupils, and was in a measure successful, good improvement being made by the smaller scholars.

This is the hardest school in town, and needs an experienced teacher, who is a good disciplinarian and possesses tact, energy, and perseverance.

BAY HILL.

Both terms were in charge of Miss Mabel A. Glines. This was her first attempt to teach, and with added experience, discipline, aud general knowledge, she may become one of our best instructors.

By her pleasant and sympathetic manner she won the love of her pupils, aud good progress was made.

Owing to the sickness of the teacher, the summer term was closed without an examination.

HODGDON.

Both terms taught by Miss Helen G. Hancock, who tried hard to interest and instruct her pupils and some progress was made.

The fall term was abruptly closed by the teacher's accepting a situation elsewhere unknown to the Board.

OAK HILL.

Both terms have been under the care of Miss Jessie E. Stevens, a faithful and systematic teacher who tried hard to make her school a success and succeeded.

Great improvement was made in reading, and the musical exercises were very pleasing and added much to the appearance of the school

BEAN HILL.

Summer term, 10 weeks, taught by Miss Abbie Bullock.

This term was three weeks longer than any other in town, in consequence of the board being given.

The closing exercises showed a quiet, orderly school, and good progress.

Fall term by Mrs. Belle W. Robertson, who has taught many terms in this school with satisfactory results. There was marked improvement in reading, grammar and composition.

RAND.

Miss Kate Forrest, a graduate of one of our best institutions, had charge of this school during the year, and commendable progress was made in all the branches taught, the work in arithmetic being especially good.

The pupils in this school under Miss Forrest's instruction are fast learning to overcome their diffidence when visitors are present, and to think and act promptly and independently.

POND.

Summer term taught by Miss Annie O. Drake, a teacher of ability and large experience who is always successful. Owing to the sudden illness of the teacher the school closed without an examination, but we are satisfied that excellent work was done by both teacher and pupils.

Fall term taught by Miss Mabel E. French. The classes all appeared well, and showed that both teacher and pupils had done good, faithful work.

It gives me pleasure to commend this teacher's first attempt at school teaching.

TEBBETTS.

Both terms taught by Miss Gertrude B. Lamprey.

Although an inexperienced teacher, her methods, system, and happy manner of imparting instruction were most commendable, and good progress was made by all the pupils.

NELLIE S. FRENCH,
JAMES N. FORREST,
OTIS C. WYATT,
} Board of Education.

REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the Northfield Town District.

The Treasurer has received as follows:

From Byron Shaw, former treasurer,	$18 14
Town treasurer, school money,	621 02
" school house tax,	671 92
Amount received,	$1311 08

ACCOUNTED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid for summer schools:

Helen G. Hancock,	$35 00
Kate Forrest,	35 00
Gertrude B. Lamprey,	28 00
Annie O. Drake,	18 60
Jennie M. Glines, (board,)	12 57
Jessie Stevens,	31 50
Mabel W. Glines,	30 00
Abbie M. Bullock,	30 00
	$220 67

Paid for fall schools:

Helen G. Hancock,	$22 50
Gertrude B. Lamprey,	32 00
Kate Forrest,	40 00
Abbie M. Bullock,	75 00
Mabel W. Glines,	40 50
Mabel E. French,	40 50
Belle W. Robertson,	32 00
Jessie Stevens,	31 50
George R. Stone, Franklin,	1 50
	$315 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid—

W. B. Fellows, for writing deed	$1 00
Mrs. John Keniston, for cleaning Oak Hill school house.	2 50
Nellie S French, for blanks and crayons,	2 35
Frank A. Mowe, for wood,	6 00
Ned Forrest, "	2 50
O. C. Wyatt, for water pail,	50
Harriet Dearborn, cleaning Center school house,	1 00
E. R. Glines, for wood,	2 50
Warren S. Nudd, "	2 50
F. C. Robertson,	1 75
Perry S. Mooney, cutting wood,	50
A. B. Winslow, wood,	3 00
E. R. Glines, "	1 00
James E. Forrest,"	1 00
C. H. Ordway, recording deed,	50
Two boxes crayon,	40
N. S. French, crayons, etc.,	50
W. C. Hill, wood,	1 75
	$31 25

Paid George W. Riley, for building new school house on the old meeting house lot, $670 00

Deposited in Savings bank pending result of equity suit, Byron Shaw *et al v.* Northfield town district, $40 00

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received,		$1311 08
Paid—		
	For summer schools,	$220 67
	Fall schools,	315 50
	Miscellaneous,	31 25
	New school house,	670 00
	Deposited in bank,	40 00
		$1277 42
	Balance in treasurer's hands,	33 66
		$1311 08

JAMES N. FORREST, Treasurer.

Northfield, N. H., March, 1890.

ROLL OF HONOR.

CENTER.—FIRST TERM.

Ernest F. Gale, Alexander Root, Jeston Root.

HODGDON.—FIRST TERM.

Charlie H. Dearborn, Georgie Dearborn, Eliza A. Dearborn, Nellie N. Glines, Bennie S. Glines, Leon M. Ludlow, Maggie S. McDuff, Robert S. McDuff.

SECOND TERM.

Georgie Dearborn, Nellie N. Glines, Bennie S. Glines, Leon M. Ludlow, Arthur Stevens.

RAND.—FIRST TERM.

Arthur H. Corliss, Harvey W. Corliss, Flora G. French, Minnie L. French, Hattie E. Leavitt.

SECOND TERM.

Arthur H. Corliss, Harvey W. Corliss, Herbert L. Cram, Wesley S. Downing, Minnie L. French.

OAK HILL—FIRST TERM.

Willis M. Bachelder, Clarence R. Bachelder, Annie M. Drake, Charles L. Drake, Mabel G. Stevens, Edith E. Stevens, Emma F. Stevens.

SECOND TERM.

Willis M. Bachelder, Clarence R. Bachelder, Annie M. Drake, Charles L. Drake, Katie B. Drake, Natt S. Drake, Mabel E. Stevens, Emma F. Stevens, Edith E. Stevens.

BEAN HILL—FIRST TERM.

Charlie E. Abbott, Ada J. Brown, Lillian E. Davis, Harry A. Piper.

FIRST TERM.

Eugene E. Abbott, Ada J. Brown, Lillian E. Davis, Harry A. Piper.

POND—FIRST TERM.

Agnes E. Lovejoy, M. Dawn Lovejoy, Roy Lovejoy, Mabel A. Whitcher, Charlie Whitcher.

SECOND TERM.

Charlie Whitcher.

TEBBETTS—FIRST TERM.

Cora B. Downing, Susie F. Downing, Lizzie F. Tebbetts, Ethel G. Tebbetts.

SECOND TERM.

Cora B. Downing, Susie F. Downing, Lizzie F. Tebbetts, Ethel G. Tebbetts.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Teachers.	Wages per month including board.	No. weeks summer term	No. weeks fall term	No. pupils	Reading and Spelling	Arithmetic	Penmanship	Geography	Grammar	Composition	Physiology	History	No. half-day absences	No. tardy or dismissed	Visits of School Board	Visits of Parents, etc.
Center	Abbie M. Bullock	$20.00		15	23	24	10	10	6	2		10	1	194	44	6	16
Bay Hill	Mabel A. Glines	20.00	6		6	6	5	6	4				5	15	2	1	4
	" "	18.00		9	7	7	6	7	5	2			2	45	14	4	5
Hodgdon	Helen G. Hancock	20.00	7		11	11	11	11	5	1				12		3	32
	" "	18.00		5	9	9	9	9	9					20		2	7
Rand	Kate Forrest	20.00	7		9	9	6	6	6		3	2	1	5	4	3	12
	" "	20.00		8	11	11	8	8	7	1	3			20	1	2	9
Oak Hill	Jessie E. Stevens	18.00	7		9	9	8	7	7	1		1		20	1	3	8
	" "	18.00		7	13	13	10	8	7	1	3			42		2	12
Bean Hill	Abbie M. Bullock	12.00	10		6	6	5	5	5	4	4			10	2	2	11
	Belle W. Robertson	16.00		8	5	5	5	5	5	4	4			6		2	9
Pond	Annie O. Drake	20.00	6		6	6	6	6	6	1				1	13	3	3
	Mabel E. French	18.00		9	5	5	5	5	4	1	4			32		3	13
Tebbetts	Gertrude B. Lamprey	16.00	7		5	5	5	5	3	2	3			18		3	13
	" "	16.00		8	4	4	4	4	3	2	2		1			2	15

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Union District, Tilton and Northfield.

The scholars in one district have had the benefit of the usual number of 32 weeks of school which have been unbroken and undisturbed, except by a slight decrease in the average daily attendance caused by prevailing epidemics. On the whole we consider that it has been a prosperous year. We make no individual comments on our corps of instructors. Those who have interested themselves enough to visit and inspect the schools can judge for themselves. Our opinion, in brief, is that a unusually good progress has been made in the studies, and that a firm, judicious discipline has been maintained over the whole school. On account of the law, requiring that after Jan. 1, 1890, books and supplies shall be furnished by the town, and empowering the Board to make such changes in the text books as they deem necessary, an unusual amount of work has devolved upon your committee. Considerable time has been spent in studying methods, examining text books, and in consultation with several experienced teachers. The result of our labor we hope will be beneficial. Our changes in the text books have been the introduction of Barnes' History, and Hyde's Language Series, and the addition of more supplementary reading. With the assistance of our teachers the course of study has been regulated, and also many minor changes made in the order, method and system of instruction, that they may conform with those of the best schools of similar grade. With the continuation of these methods and the adoption each year

of new ideas, our schools will soon compare favorably with the best in New England, although we are hampered, somewhat, by poor accommodations, lack of sufficient modern apparatus, and the crowded condition of our lower department. At the beginning of the year a rule was adopted requiring the scholars to take the regular course of study unless excused by the Board. Graded courses are the result of the experience of professional teachers who are better able than the pupil to judge what is needed to form the mind right. A number of scholars have been dropping studies which they dislike, not realizing that it would prove a disadvantage to them in future years. Hence, this rule. Of course poor health or other sufficient cause make exceptions to this rule, and excuses have been freely given.

The $100 appropriated for repairs, has been used judiciously. The furnaces and pipes have been put in thorough order, and a register put in the small ante-room, which we have been obliged to use as a recitation room. No trouble is now experienced in keeping the building warm in any ordinary weather. Many minor repairs have been made for the purpose of convenience and comfort, and some attention, also, has been given to ventilation, although, of course no great improvement in this line could be expected. Some new seats are needed for the First Primary. During one term there were nearly eighty pupils in this department, and settees had to be used, which are neither comfortable nor suitable for the children's work. This is one of the pressing needs for the coming year. We repeat our advice of last year, "that a sufficient sum of money be appropriated each year, to keep the building in ordinary repair."

At the beginning of the fall term, regulations in regard to truancy were adopted by the Board and a truant officer appointed. It had become necessary to take this action for the benefit of those cases which could not be met in any other manner, especially when the parents would not co-operate with the

school officials. The effect of those regulations has been unusually good, and the officer has had but a few cases to attend to.

Complaints have been made to the selectmen of Northfield in regard to the poor sewerage in the section between Park, Elm, and Vine streets, which includes the school grounds. It is expected that in the spring the district will be compelled to help share in the expense of putting in a sewer, unless some action is taken previously.

Our opinion in regard to drainage was expressed last year and further comments are unnecessary. It is our intention to bring this matter before the district at the annual school meeting.

Should a sewer be put in, however, it would be an excellent idea to arrange for water closets in the basement of the building.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

Revised Jan. 1, 1890.

Readers, New Franklin; Speller Harrington's; Geography, Harper's Series; Arithmetics, Greenleaf's; Language, Hyde's Series; History, Barnes' National, and Higginson's; Physiology, Hutchinson's; Book-keeping, Meservey's; Copy books, Spencerian; Supplementary Reading, first, second and fourth, Barnes' Series, Evangeline, Longfellow's, Hawthorn's Tales of New England.

Respectfully Submitted,

EDWARD W. WHITE,
ARTHUR M. DODGE,
FORD T. SANBORN,
} Board of Education.

ACCOUNT OF TRUSTEES OF TILTON AND NORTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

1889.		
May 13.	Rec'd of town of Tilton,	$150 00
14.	" Northfield,	150 00
		$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

1889.	
Paid—	
Estes & Lauriat for 250 new books—see library catalogue—	$275 23
For rebinding worn books,	18 60
For Granite Monthlys—bound,	5 00
Express on books,	1 25
	$300 08

C. C. SAMPSON,
A. T. CASS,
W. B. FELLOWS,
A. M. DODGE,
FRANK HILL,
} Trustees.

ACCOUNT OF TRUSTEES OF HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING.

RECEIPTS.

1888—		
Dec. 29.	Cash balance on hand,	$86 53
1889—		
Oct. 8.	Rec'd town Northfield,	100 00
21.	" Tilton,	100 00
		$286 53

EXPENDITURES.

From Dec. 31, 1888, to Dec. 28, 1889.

Paid—	
Janitor,	$78 96
For coal,	50 69
For oil, and other supplies, and improving and repairing building,	134 30
Balance on hand in cash,	22 58
	$286 53

CHARLES E. TILTON,
A. S. BALLANTYNE,
ELIZA COFRAN,
} Trustees.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Teachers.	Schools.	Weeks of School.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average attendance.	Per cent of daily attendance	Reading.	Penmanship.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Language.	History	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Visits of committee.	Visits of parents and others.
L. H. Wentworth, 1 term, J. A. Russell, 2 terms.	Grammar	32	28	21	49	31	90	49	49	49	47	40	41	39	14	17	11	61
Clara B. Pitts, 1 term, Eva G. Hill, 2 terms,	Interme-diate	32	25	23	48	32	92	48	48	48	48	46	41	27			10	53
Marion E. Lyford,	Second Primary	32	23	18	41	29	92	41	41	41	41						12	54
Nettie M. McQuesten, Annie Wyman, Ass't T.	First Primary.	32	51	39	90	64	88	90	90	90	90						11	87
		128	127	101	228	156		228	228	228	226	86	82	66	14	17	44	255

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Northfield:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Northfield, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn	No. Child 1s, 2d, &c.	Color	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Mar. 8	All in Northfield			F	All living	1st	All White	Edwin F. Kimball	Ida M. Peverly	All white	All of Northfield	Farmer	Canterbury	Canterbury		
8			M			2nd		Alexander Gomo	Adaline Bush			Laborer	Jerico, Vt.	Fairfax, Vt.		
17				F		1st		Perley C. Keniston	Jennie M. Grove			Laborer	Northfield	Northfiel		
Apr. 27				F		1st		John W. Pease	Anna M. Gould			Carpenter	Meredith	Hillsboro		
27				F		2nd		"	"			"	"	"		
27		Ernest Willard	M			1st		Samuel Sewall	Nellie Piper			Laborer	Northfield	Concord		
May 13								Edwin A. Stevens	Ella L. Woodward			Farmer	Canaan	Milton, Iowa		
Jun. 13			M					Whidden Ludlow	Electa M. Dow			Railroading	Northfield	New Hampton		
16			M			1st		Edward R. Glines	Carrie E. Mooney			Farmer	Northfield	Sandwich		
July 30				F		4th		William F. King	Ruth Evans			Carpenter	Canada	Haverhill		
Sep. 21			M			8th		Charles L. Arlin	Harriet Blanchard			Farmer	Northfield	Northfield		
Oct. 7		Maud May Heywood		F		2nd		Peter M. Heywood	Flora M. Cross			Laborer	Canterbury	Northfield		
22		Otto F.	M			1st		Otto F. Perthel	Mary S. Codur			Weaver	Germany	Johnson, Vt.		
Sep. 15			M			1st		Geo. W. Whitney	Anna J. Roberts			Farmer	Northfield	Canterbury		
Oct. 9			M			11th		John E. Gilman	Orrianna Nudd			Laborer	Manchester	Canterbury		
9				F		12th		"	"			"	"	"		
Dec. 15			M			2nd		Smith G. Wadleigh	Flora E. Getchell			Laborer	Northfield	Washington, Vt.		
20				F		1st		Neil McFadden	Winnie Bickford			Shoemaker	Canada	Brandon, Vt.		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Northfield, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence at time of Marriage.	Age, in years.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition, No.	Name, Residence, and Official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 1.	Northfield	Otto F. Perthel	Northfield	23	All white.	Weaver	Germany	Fred A. Perthel	Germany	Weaver	S. 1st.	John Ankertell
								Christina "	"			C. Tilton
		Salina Mary Cadur	Northfield	20		Weaver	Vermont	Lathe Cadur	Canada		S. 1st.	
								Mary "	"			
1.	Northfield	Geo. W. Whitney	Northfield	29		Farmer	Maine	Isaac Whitney		Farmer	1st.	John Chamberlain
								Sarah J. "				J. Northfield
		Anna J. Roberts	Franklin Falls	22		Operative	Northfield	Geo. Roberts			1st.	
								Lura "				
15.	Concord	Charles G. Sewall	Northfield	27		Farmer	Northfield	Horace Sewall	Northfield	Farmer	1st.	James H. Norris
								Sarah Jackson	Wilton, Me.			J. Concord
		Nellie Piper	Northfield	25		Housework	Lowell, Mass.	—— Piper			1st.	
								" "				
Apr. 28.	Franklin	Orrin R. Berry	Northfield	19		Laborer	Bridgewater	Gilman Berry	Alexandria		1st.	Francis H. Davis
								Elmira "	Michigan			C. Franklin Falls
		Hattie C. Ober	Franklin	17		Lady		—— Ober			1st.	
								" "				
May 18.	Tilton	Chas. H. Payson	Northfield	25		Farmer	Northfield	C. H. Payson	Boston, Mass.		1st.	Wm. H. Hutchins
								Sarah Meeder	Raymond			C. Tilton
		Bessie A. Downing	Northfield			Lady		J. T. Downing	Ellsworth		1st.	
								Abbie F. Palmer	Hopkinton			
June 9.	Northfield	G. W. Bettis	Morrisville, Vt.	22		Station Agt.	Morrisv'le Vt.	Thomas R. Bettis	Martin's Ferry	Farmer	1st.	Lewis Malvern
								Margaret R. Eaton	Johnson, Vt.			C. Laconia
		Sadie L. Adams	Northfield	23		Lady	Danbury	Sam'l S. Adams	Chester	Laborer	1st.	
								Sarah A. Dunovan	Enosburg, Vt.			
25.	Tilton	Henry Davidson	Northfield	53		Laborer					W.2d.	Wm. H. Hutchins
												C. Tilton
		Rosa Benard		28							S. 1st.	
Sep. 12.	Tilton	John F. Griffin	Northfield	29		Currier	Boston, Mass.	John Griffin	Ireland	Currier	S. 1st.	Wm. H. Hutchins
								Kate "	Woburn, Mass.			C. Tilton
		Nellie Saltmarsh	Concord	39			Bow	William Weber	Bow		W.2d.	
								—— "				
Nov. 5.	Tilton	Chas. H. Heath	Northfield			Railroading	Northfield	Chas. H. Evans			S. 1st.	C. C. Sampson
								Sarah Cossier				C. Tilton
		Ida M. Sanborn	Northfield				Manchester	John Dinsmore			D. 2d.	
								Sarah "				
Dec. 12.	Northfield	Alex. C. Dow	Northfield	41		Farmer	Northfield	Jeremiah Dow	Belmont	Laborer	W.6h.	Wm. H. Hutchins
								Lucretia Glines	Northfield			C. Tilton
		Amorretta Kimball	Northfield	42		Housewife	Belmont	James F. Kimball	Belmont		D. 2d.	
								Caroline P. "	Northfield			

Deaths Registered in the Town of Northfield, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and condition. Male.	Female.	Color.	S M W	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Name and P. O. Address of Physician (or other person) reporting death.
Jan. 9.	All of Northfield.	Clara Bell	66	8		Portsmouth		F	All white.	S	Housework	John Bell	Fanny	Pneumonia	C. R. Gould, M. D. Tilton
Feb. 26.		Thomas Arnold	59	8	17		M							P. Tuberculosis	Thos. Pitt, " "
Apr. 3.		Josephine Dow	45					F		M	Housework	Noah Harris	Mary J. Bowen	Pneumonia	J. P. Osborne, " "
" 10.					25	Northfield		F				Perley Kenniston	Jennie Glover	Convulsions	C. R. Gould, " "
"		Chas. F. Hill					M			W	Printer	Warren Hill		Consumption	J. P. Osborne, " "
June 16.		John M. Whicher	71	11	24	Northfield	M			M	Farmer	Reuben Whicher	Dorothy Osgood	Epilepsy	C. R. Gould, " "
" "		Stephen Shirley	90	6	7	Sanbornton	M			M	Farmer			Old Age	" " "
" 19		Caroline Barrett	95	4	18	Marshfield		F		W	Dressmaker	Chauncy Benjamin	Sophia Brown	Gastritis	Ed Abbott, " "
Sep. 21.						Northfield	M					Chas. L. Arlin *	Harriet Blanchard		C. R. Gould, " "
" 30.		Perry M. Loveland		4	2	Northfield	M					Geo. P. Loveland *	Mary A. McIlavine	Chol. Infantum	J. P. Osborne, " "
Oct. 8.		Marcia E. Long	78	10	20	Hopkinton		F		W	Retired	Thos. Wells	Lucinda Lyman	Pericarditis	C W. Adams, " Franklin
" 9.		Frank E. Collins	34	1	14	Northfield	M			S	Laborer	Benj. Collins		Typhoid Fever	C. R. Gould, " Tilton
" 26.		Ned M. Whitney		1	12	"	M					G. W. Whitney	Anna J Roberts	Tobes	" " "
Nov. 3.		David Dearborn	85	6	20	"	M			M	Mechanic	Jonathan Dearborn	Eliz'beth Kenniston	Old Age	" " "
" 15.		Benjamin Collins	87			"	M			W	Farmer	Aaron Collins	Sally Dearborn	Strang. Hernia	" " "
Dec. 4.		Sylvia T. Fellows	68			Gilmanton		F		W	Housework	Edward Mudgett	Miss Clifford	Pneumonia	G. H. Ingalls, " "
" 8.		Seba G. Peaslee	63	2	4	Weare		F		W	Housework	Moses Green	Mary Johnson	Apoplexy	J. P. Osborne, " "

*Laborer.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. I. STEVENS, Town Clerk.

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